PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE

OF

Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of England,

IN, AND FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTREAL AND WILLIAM-HENRY,

IN THE PROVINCE OF LOWER-CANADA.

AT AN ESPECIAL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE,

Holden at the Masonic Hall Hotel,

IN THE CITY OF MONTREAL,

5th SEPTEMBER, 1828.

Present,

The R. W. CLAUDE DENECHAU, Esquire, P. G. M., for the District of Quebec and Three-Rivers, as P. G. M.

V. W. T. G. WESTERN, S. G. W. for Somersetshire.
V. W. JOSEPH S. SHAW, S. G. W., for Quebec, &c., as S. G. W.
V. W. ANDREW McGILL, J. G. W., do. do., as J. G. W.
V. W. REV. J. SOMERVILLE, G. C., do. do.
V. W. COLIN McCALLUM, G. S., do. do., as P. G. S.
W. GEORGE KEYES, as S. G. D.
W. GEORGE BLUMHART, as J. G. D.
W. S. McCAULAY, G. S. Br. for Quebec, &c., as G. S. Br.

R. W. JOHN MOLSON, P. G. M., for Montreal, &c.
R. W. REV. J. BETHUNE, Past D. P. G. M.
V. W. HORATIO GATES, do. P. G. T.
V. W. HENRY McKENZIE, do. P. G. R.
V. W. TURTON PENN, do. P. G. S.
V. W. J. S. McCORD, do. P. G. S.
W. S. F. HOLCOMB, W. M., No. 1.
J. G. SCOTT.
JOHN P. HOGG.

JOSEPH SHUTER.
WILLIAM BADGLEY.
FREDERICK GRIFFIN.
ABNER BAGG.
M. J. HAYES, Past P. G. S. Br.
ALEXANDER KYLE.
W. K. McCORD.
CHARLES WAND.
JOSHUA PELTON.

The MASTERS, PAST-MASTERS and WARDENS of various Lodges in the District.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and with solemn Prayer, and the Regulations for the Government of the Grand Lodge during the time of public business, were read.—

The Brethren summoned to assist at the Installation, were admitted.

The Brethren were acquainted that this Provincial Grand Lodge was convened for the Special purpose of Installing into Office, according to ancient form, the R. W. Br. JOHN MOLSON, Esquire, whom it had pleased His Royal Highness the DUKE of SUSSEX, our most Worshipful Grand Master, to appoint to the Chair of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Montreal and William-Henry, vacated by the death of R. W. the Honorable William McGillivray.

The patent under the hand of the M. W. Grand Master, and Seal of the United Grand Lodge, appointing R. W. JOHN MOLSON, P. G. M. for the District of Montreal and William-Henry, dated the 15th day of May, 1826, was then read.

The R. W. The Provincial Grand Master for Quebec and Three-Rivers, then retired to the Installation Chamber, where R. W. Br. JOHN MOLSON was afterwards introduced by Past D. P. G. M. The Rev. John Bethune. He was then duly Installed Provincial Grand Master for the District of Montreal and William-Henry.

The ceremony being ended, the R. W. Provincial Grand Masters and Brethren returned into the body of the Lodge, and the newly Installed P. G. M., being seated on the Throne, was proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

The R. W. Br. Denechau delivered an address to the newly Installed Provincial Grand Master, who was afterwards pleased to return his sincere thanks to the R. W. Prov. G. Master and Brethren from Quebec, for their kind and fraternal attendance at his Installation.

The Provincial Grand Master was then pleased to make the following appointments, as officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, who were duly Installed in their respective offices.

R. W. The REV. JOHN BETHUNE, (Rector of Christ's Church, Montreal,) D. P. G. M.

V. W. TURTON PENN,	S. G. W.
V. W. S. F. HOLCOMB,	J. G. W.
V. W. HENRY McKENZIE,	G. R.
V. W. J. S. McCORD,	G. S.
JAMES G. SCOTT,	D. G. S.
W. JOHN POTTS HOGG,	S. G. D.
W. JOSEPH SHUTER,	J. G. D.
W. ABNER BAGG,	G. S. W.
W. WILLIAM BADGLEY,	G. D. Cer.
FREDERICK GRIFFIN,	D. G. D. Cer.
W. MOSES J. HAYES,	G. S. Br.
W. ALEXANDER KYLE,	G. Orgt.
CHARLES WAND,	G. Std. Br.
JOSHUA PELTON,	Std. Br. to P. G. M.
PETER McGILL,	Grand Stewards.
WILLIAM STEPHENS,	Grand Stewards.
WILLIAM BLACKWOOD,	Grand Stewards.
W. K. McCORD,	1st Grand Tyler.

A Procession was then formed in the following

ORDER.

2d Grand Tyler.
Brethren not members of any Lodge.
Wellington Persevering Lodge No. 7.
St. Paul's Lodge No. 3.
Union Lodge No. 1.
Band of the 76th Regiment.
Assistant Grand Tyler.
Two Grand Stewards.
Past P. G. Officers.

Provincial Grand Organist. Provincial Grand Superintendant of Works.
Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and his Deputy.
Provincial Grand Deacons.
P. G. Secretary and his Deputy, with Constitutions.
P. G. Registrar.
P. G. Treasurer.
Provincial Grand Wardens.
Steward. Standard of the P. G. Lodge. Steward.
Officers of the P. G. Lodge of Quebec.
Visitors of Distinction.
Steward. Volume of the Sacred Law with Square and Compasses. Steward.
R. W. The D. Prov. Grand Master.
V. W. Br. T. G. Western.
V. W. The Wardens of the P. G. L. of Quebec.
Provincial G. Sword Bearer of Quebec.
Steward. R. W. C. Denechau, P. G. M. of Quebec. Steward.
Steward. Banner of the P. G. M. Steward.
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer.
Steward. R. W. John Molson, Esquire, P. G. Master for Montreal and William-Henry. Steward.
Two Grand Stewards.
1st Provincial Grand Tyler.

In this order the Procession moved to Christ's Church, where an appropriate sermon was preached by the R. W. The D. P. G. M., and a collection made in aid of the funds of the Montreal General Hospital.

The Brethren then returned in the same order to the Masonic Hall.

All business being ended, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, and with solemn Prayer.

AT AN ESPECIAL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE,

Holden at the Masonic Hall Hotel,

21st SEPTEMBER, 1826.

Present,

R. W. JOHN MOLSON, Esquire, Provincial Grand Master.

R. W. REV. JOHN BETHUNE, D. P. G. M.
V. W. TURTON PENN, S. G. W.
V. W. S F. HOLCOMB, J. G. W.
V. W. WILLIAM SNAITH, Past P. G. W.

V. W. J. S. McCORD, G. S.
JAMES G. SCOTT, D. G. S.
W. JOHN P. HOGG, S. G. D.
W. JOSEPH SHUTER, J. G. D.

W. ABNER BAGG, G. S. Works.
W. WILLIAM BADGLEY, G. D. Cer.
W. ALEXANDER KYLE, G. Organist.

The MASTERS, PAST-MASTERS, and WARDENS of various Lodges in the District.

The Provincial grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and with solemn Prayer, and the regulations for the Government of the Grand Lodge during the time of public business, were read.

A communication from V. W. Br. W. H. White, G. S., of the United Grand Lodge of England, bearing date Free-Masons' Hall, London, 12th June, 1826, addressed to the P. G. S., was read.

The P. G. S. informed the R. W. P. G. M., that since the last meeting of the P. G. Lodge, he had had the honour of receiving communications from the Grand Lodges of the States of Maine and Virginia.

W. George Stanley handed to the P. G. M., a packet from Wellington Persevering Lodge, containing the warrant of said Lodge, which they resigned, and also the reasons for such resignation.

The R. W. P. G. M. having taken communication of the reasons for the resignation of the warrant of Wellington Persevering Lodge, ordered the same to be read. They were accordingly read.

The R. W. Provincial Grand Master was then pleased to inform the Representatives of Wellington Persevering Lodge, that the reasons just read, should, as requested, be forwarded to the United Grand Lodge, and was also pleased to inform them, that in consequence of the resignation of their warrant, the members of said Lodge, could no longer continue the exercise of their Masonic Functions.

The Brethren of Wellington Persevering Lodge then withdrew.

The following Brethren were appointed a Committee to revise the Bye-Laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge, viz :—

V. W. Brs. TURTON PENN, S. F. HOLCOMB, J. S. McCORD, J. H. DORWIN—W. Brs. ABNER BAGG and WILLIAM BADGLEY—R. W. The Prov. G. Master, The D. Prov. G. Master, and the D. P. G. Secy., to be Members, *ex officio*, of whom five to be a quorum.

The R. W. The Prov. G. M. was pleased to appoint V. W. J. S. McCORD, and W. WILLIAM BADGLEY Inspectors of Private Lodges.

All business being ended, the P. G. Lodge was closed in ample form, and with solemn Prayer.

AT A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE,

Holden at the Masonic Hall Hotel,

11th DECEMBER, 1826.

Present,

R. W. JOHN MOLSON, Esquire, Provincial Grand Master.

R. W. REV. JOHN BETHUNE, D. P. G. M.
V. W. J. H. DORWIN, Past S. G. W., as S. G. W.
V. W. S. F. HOLCOMB, J. G. W.

V. W. HENRY McKENZIE, P. G. R.
V. W. J. S. McCORD, P. G. S.
JAMES G. SCOTT, D. P. G. S.
W. R. B. PAGE, Past S. G. D., as S. G. D.
W. JOSEPH SHUTER, J. G. D.

W. ABNER BAGG, G. S. Works.
W. WILLIAM BADGLEY, G. D. Cer.
W. MOSES J. HAYES, G. S. Br.
W. ALEXANDER KYLE, G. Orgt.
W. K. McCORD, 1st G. Tyler.

The MASTERS, PAST-MASTERS, and WARDENS of various Lodges in the District.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and with solemn Prayer, and the Regulations for the Government of the Grand Lodge during the time of public business, were read.

The minutes of the 12th September 1825, 5th September 1826, and 21st September 1826, were read and confirmed.

The R. W. the D. Prov. G. Master delivered to V. W. Henry McKenzie, P. G. Registrar, a packet forwarded from the United Grand Lodge, addressed and inscribed as follows :—

" To the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the time being, of the District of Montreal and William-Henry, in Lower-Canada.

" This Paper to remain in the custody of the Provincial Grand Registrar, for the time being, and to be *opened only* in the event of the death " or resignation of the Provincial Grand Master."

The R. W. Prov. Grand Master was pleased in his own name, and on behalf of the Craft, to address R. W. The D. P. G. Master, in the following words:—

"R. W. Sir,

"It has been my fixed intention, ever since I had the honor of being installed P. C. M. for this district, to return you my most "cordial thanks, for your kind and fraternal attention on that day, and should have done so long ere this, had this Prov. G. Lodge met in Quarterly "Communication. I feel more particularly obliged to you, that on that occasion, you should have assumed the duties of a Prov. G. Chaplain, and "afforded the Craft and myself an opportunity of admiring your talents, as well as your zeal, in the cause of Masonry. I now, therefore, in the "presence of this Grand Lodge, take the opportunity, as well in my own name as in the name of the Craft, to thank you for your kind, prompt "and able services on the 5th day of September last."

On motion duly made and seconded.—Ordered.—That the sermon delivered by R. W. The D. P. G. M., on the 5th day of September last, should be published at the expence of this P. G. Lodge, and that the R. W. D. P. G. M. be authorised to draw upon the P. G. Treasurer, for the expence of such publication when completed.

The report of the Committee appointed for the revision of the Bye-Laws of this Prov. G. Lodge, and those Bye-Laws as amended and submitted by said Committee, were read.

Each section of said Bye-Laws, as amended and submitted, was separately read and approved, and the whole adopted as the Bye-Laws of this Provincial Grand Lodge.

V. W. HORATIO GATES was unanimously elected Provincial G. Treasurer.

Brs. J. S. McCord and William Badgley, Inspectors of Country Lodges, appointed by the Late Prov. G. Lodge of the 12th September, 1825, reported their proceedings under the said appointment.

R. W. Sir,

Pursuant to the Resolve of the Grand Lodge of the 12th of September last, and of our appointment of the same date, we, the undersigned visitors of Country Lodges, proceeded on our mission, and on Tuesday the 1st instant, arrived at St. Andrews, where the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 5, is held. A Lodge of emergency was called for the Thursday following, when we had the pleasure of meeting the officers and members of the St. Andrew's Lodge, and communicating to them the wish of the Grand Lodge, that a uniform mode of work should be followed throughout its jurisdiction. The Lodge received the information with pleasure, and we proceeded to instruct them in the forms of opening and closing, and the work and lectures in the three degrees. The W. M., who is an active and zealous Mason, has promised to forward the introduction of the mode of work, as laid down by our instructions from the United Grand Lodge of England, and from the knowledge we have of his abilities, feel satisfied, that this important object under his guidance, will speedily be effected. We were particularly indebted to the kindness of M. Davis, a P. M. of that Lodge, for many attentions, and an introduction to many worthy Brethren.

Proceeding on our mission, we reached Hull sufficiently early to meet Columbia Lodge at its regular monthly communication on the 8th November instant: we rejoice that we are enabled to report our perfect satisfaction of the respectability of this Lodge, and the hearty concurrence manifested by it, with the commands of the Grand Lodge of this District: we had the pleasure of initiating and raising in this Lodge during our visit. We also instructed the W. Master in the mode of opening and closing the Lodge in the three degrees, and from the disposition of all its members to meet the wishes of the Grand Lodge, we cannot but anticipate the most pleasing results. To the W. M. Eastabrook and to P. M. Brigham, we are indebted for much kindness and civility, as well as to the family of our old and worthy Brother Philemon Wright, Esqr. On the whole, we cannot refrain from expressing our satisfaction at perceiving that every measure of the Grand Lodge, affecting Private Lodges, is most cordially assented to by every individual of the Crafts, whom we have had occasion to meet in the above Lodges: from the respectability of the members composing St. Andrews and Columbia Lodges, as well as from their education and general information, we feel confident that the attention and regard of the Provincial Grand Lodge to their Lodges, will most essentially conduce to the general interest and well being of the Craft.

The lateness of the season has prevented us from completing our visit to the remaining Country Lodges in this District, previous to the Festival of St. John; but we purpose so doing immediately after.

J. S. McCORD,
Wm. BADGLEY.

Montreal, 25th November, 1825.

On motion duly moved and seconded.—Resolved.—That the thanks of this P. G. Lodge, be returned to Brs. J. S. McCord and William Badgley, through the R. W. P. G. M., for their zealous performance of the duties imposed upon them by the said appointment.

All business being ended, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, and with solemn Prayer.

AT AN ESPECIAL PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE,

Holden at the Masonic Hall Hotel.

ON THE FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.

27th DECEMBER, 1826.

Present,

R. W. JOHN MOLSON, Esquire, Provincial Grand Master.
R. W. REV. JOHN BETHUNE, D. P. G. M.
V. W. J. H. DORWIN, Past S. G. W., as S. G. W.
W. WILLIAM BADGLEY, G. D. Cer., as J. G. W.

V. W. HORATIO GATES, P. G. T.
V. W. HENRY McKENZIE. P. G. R.
V. W. JOHN S. McCORD, P. G. S.
JAMES G. SCOTT, D. G. S.
W. JOSEPH SHUTER, J. G. D.

W. ABNER BAGG, G. S. Works.
FREDERICK GRIFFIN, D. G. D. Cer.
W. MOSES J. HAYES, G. S. Br.
And the Masters, Past-Masters, and Wardens of various Lodges in the District.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, and with solemn Prayer, and the Regulations for the Government of Grand Lodge during the time of public business, were read.

The R. W. The Provincial Grand Master was then pleased to nominate and appoint the following Brethren, Provincial Grand Officers for the year, who were invested and proclaimed accordingly.

V. W. TURTON PENN, S. G. W.
V. W. S. F. HOLCOMB, J. G. W.
V. W. HORATIO GATES, P. G. T.
V. W. HENRY McKENZIE, P. G. R.
V. W. J. S. McCORD, P. G. S.
JAMES G. SCOTT, D. G. S.
W. JOSEPH SHUTER, S. G. D.
W. REUBEN LEONARD, J. G. D.
W. ABNER BAGG, G. S. Works.

W. WILLIAM BADGLEY, G. D. Cer.
FREDERICK GRIFFIN, D. G. D. Cer.
W. MOSES J. HAYES, G. S. Br.
W. ALEXANDER KYLE, G. Orgt.
JOSHUA PELTON, Std. Br. to P. G. M.
PETER McGILL, } G. Stewards.
WILLIAM STEPHENS, } G. Stewards.
JAMES C. GRANT. } G. Stewards.
WILLIAM BLACKWOOD, } G. Stewards.

WILLIAM K. McCORD, 1st Grand Tyler, P. T.

The R. W. The P. G. Master was pleased to nominate and appoint the following Brethren a Committee of General Purposes.

V. W. J. H. DORWIN.
V. W. J. S. McCORD.
V. W. HENRY McKENZIE.

W. WILLIAM BADGLEY.
V. W. S. F. HOLCOMB.
Br. FREDERICK GRIFFIN.

The R. W. The D. P. G. Master informed R. W. The P. G. M., that in obedience to his commands, he had this day attended at Union Lodge No 1, for the purpose of installing Br. William Badgley, W. M. of that Lodge. That a Brother of that Lodge, viz. Br. Rufus B. Page was guilty of gross unmasonic conduct, in having in open Lodge, forcibly taken and carried away the Warrant of Constitution of said Lodge.

Upon this communication, the R. W. Provincial Grand Master was pleased to order that Br. Rufus B. Page, be immediately suspended from all his Masonic Functions and Privileges during his (the P. G. Master's) will and pleasure, and that the P. G. Secretary do write a letter to said Br. Rufus B. Page, requiring him forthwith to deliver up the Warrant of Constitution, by him, as aforesaid, unjustly, illegally and forcibly carried away.

All business being ended, the Provincial G. Lodge was closed in ample form, and with solemn Prayer.

Grand Lodges in the United States of America and elsewhere, are respectfully requested to exchange Communication, for the mutual information and benefit of the Craft.

J. McCORD, P. G. Secretary.